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1. Soviet Troops in Belgard

2. Dissolution of the Soviet Administration of Estates in the Koeslin Area and
Polish Troops in Koeslin.

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Soviet Troops in Belgard.

1. In the summer of 1950, the barracks installation of 4 large barracks buildings, 1 mess building, and several garages located on the west side of the road to Pumlau (O 55/M 43), on the northeast edge of Belgard (O 55/M 43), was occupied by a Soviet tank unit and a motorized unit. About 10 tanks at a time were frequently observed departing for practices. They were of medium type and their tracks and suspensions consisted of large bogie wheels only. It could not be determined whether they had revolving turrets. Their gun barrels projected beyond the front and mounted no muzzle brake. The troops were equipped with numerous three-axle trucks. From 8 to 10 tanks mounted by about 8 soldiers each and about 12 trucks with soldiers were repeatedly observed practicing in the area about 13 km east-northeast of Belgard. the same troops were also in the installation in December 1950.

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2. Prior to December 1950, the barracks installation on the road to Koerlin (O 55/M 33) and the barracks installation in the southeastern sector of Belgard, on the northeast side of the road to Polzin (O 54/M 50), were also occupied by Soviet troops. A former ration supply depot consisting of three five-story brick buildings was located opposite the barracks installation on the road to Polzin, between the road and the railroad line, and was operated by the Soviets. A Soviet military hospital was also located at the post. *

3. No Polish troops were stationed in Belgard prior to December 1950.

Dissolution of the Soviet Administration of Estates in the Koeslin Area.

4. On 15 November 1950, the Soviet administration of estates, the staff of which was located at the Streckenthin (O 54/M 02) Estate, was dissolved and the estates were returned to a Polish administrative staff. The best cattle were trucked away to the Gross Born (P 54/R 80) area at that time. The Soviet administrative staff was headed by Colonel Vologdin, (fnu), whose deputy was Captain (Vet) Boekov (phonetic spelling) (fnu). The staff was subordinate to an administrative staff in Stolp (P 55/M 08), which, in turn, received its orders from Liegnitz (O 52/B 82). **

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Polish Troops in Koeslin.

5. Prior to late December 1950, a large, modern barracks installation located east of Koeslin (O 55/M 45), on the south side of the road to Rogzow (O 54/M 55), was fully occupied by Polish troops. No heavy weapons were seen in the billeting area which, however, was difficult to survey. Very young Polish troops were seen in large numbers in the streets of the post.
6. On 15 November, the former ration supply depot on the road to Neuklenz (O 55/M 44), in the southern sector of Koeslin, was returned by the Soviets to Polish administration.
7. Soviet troops were no longer at the post in late 1950. No barracks installations other than that mentioned in paragraph 5 were known. ***

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* Comment. The report confirms Soviet units in Belgard until late 1950. They may have been elements of the 26th Gds Mecz Div which is carried in Pomerania.

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officers' names are reported for the first time.

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*** Comment. Soviet troops were stationed in Koeslin previously. The time of their withdrawal from the post has not been determined.

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